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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Method of Playing & Paying Gambling Games
Application Control Number 10/045,250
Examiner: Mr. Benjamin Layno, Art Unit #3711

Dear Examiner:

Per conversation today, Applicant is writing to address the priority of this referenced application, which was earlier than a citation used in rejection.

The first paragraph of this application 10/045,250 states, "This application claims priority of Provisional Patent Application Ser. Nr. 60/246,855 having a filing date of 11/09/2000 and being incorporated herein in its entirety by reference." This filing date is more than 10 months earlier than the filing date of the Chilton et al patent US-2003/0060264, which was Sep. 21, 2001 and used as a basis for rejection. Thus, Applicant has anticipated Chilton and respectfully asks to be afforded the benefit of the priority date, which should obviate the claim rejections under 35 USC ~102 (paragraph 2) and 35 USC ~103 (paragraphs 3 and 4) as written in the most recent Office Action Summary mailed on 09/13/2005.

Applicant also requests the opportunity to address other issues in the latest Office Action as follows.

Office Action paragraph 1. The arguments presented with respect to claims 1-15 apply to the same claims subsequently renumbered properly as claims 16-30.

Office Action paragraphs 5 and 6. One skilled in the art would understand the nature of a losing hand. Figure 1 illustrates a losing hand, which is described therein as a pay of 0 for 1. Further, a pay for a losing hand is discussed in the specification on page 7, line 10, of the provisional application as filed on 11/09/2000.

For additional clarity please accept the attached Amendment B and new drawing referenced as FIG. 9 that illustrates a sample payable including a pay for a losing hand.

Finally, please accept the omitted claims 31-35. These were submitted by letter dated Feb. 7, 2005 along with the new claims 16-30, a copy of which is attached for your convenience.

If necessary, Applicant requests Examiner's help with this application under MPEP Section 707.07(j).

Very respectfully,

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Amendment B

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Sir:

In response to the Office Letter mailed 09/13, 2005, please amend the above application as follows:

SPECIFICATION:

Add to page 8 line 170 the following:

FIG. 9 is a sample paytable showing a prize paid for a losing hand.